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March 30, 2009

via E-Filing and US Mail

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol St., NE, No.215
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Attention: **Commission Filing Center:**

Re: UM-___ PGE's Application for Deferred Accounting of Expenses Associated with an Increase in FERC Land Fees

Enclosed is the original signed Application and one copy of Portland General Electric Company's Application for Deferred Accounting of Expenses Associated with an Increase in FERC Land Fees.

Notice of Application for Deferred Accounting of Expenses Associated with an Increase in FERC Land Fees has been forwarded to the UE 197 service list. This document is being filed by electronic mail with the Filing Center. PGE waives paper service of documents in this proceeding and has E-filed a copy on this date.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, please call me at (503) 464-7580 or Jay Tinker at (503) 464-7002.

Please direct all formal correspondence, questions, or requests to the following e-mail address pge.opuc.filings@pgn.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick G. Hager", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick G. Hager
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Encls.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM _____

In the Matter of the Application of Portland
General Electric Company for an Order
Approving the Deferral of Expenses Associated
with an Increase in FERC Land Fees

**Application for Deferral of Expenses
Associated with an Increase in FERC Land
Fees**

Pursuant to ORS 757.259 and OAR 860-027-0300, Portland General Electric Company (“PGE”) hereby requests authorization to defer for later rate-making treatment expenses associated with an increase in FERC federal land use charges. PGE may seek amortization of the deferred amount in a future Commission proceeding. In support of this Application, PGE states:

1. PGE is a public utility in the state of Oregon and its rates, services and accounting practices are subject to the regulation of the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“Commission”).
2. This application is filed pursuant to ORS 757.259, which allows the Commission, upon application, to authorize deferral of certain items for later incorporation in rates.
3. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to:

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PGE waives paper service in this proceeding. In addition to the names and addresses above, the following are to receive notices and communications via the e-mail service list:

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I. OAR 860-027-0300(3) Requirements

The following is provided pursuant to OAR 860-027-0300(3).

A. Background

On February 17, 2009, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a "Final rule; update of Federal land use fees," Docket No. RM09-6-000. In this ruling, FERC updated the land fees based on the United States Forest Service schedule of fees for the use of linear rights-of-way on government land. The fiscal year for FERC is October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009, and the new fee schedule is retroactive to October 1, 2008.

B. Reasons for Deferral

PGE incurs various FERC fees, such as administrative fees, transmission fees, and land use fees. PGE received notice that FERC is increasing its annual fees for use of federal lands by approximately \$1.2 million annually over the previous level. Notice of this increase occurred subsequent to the close of the UE 197 general rate proceeding. Because this is a required cost increase for which PGE has no managerial discretion, we seek this deferral pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e).

C. Proposed Accounting

PGE proposes to record the deferred amount as a regulatory asset in FERC account 182.3, Other Regulatory Assets, with credits to FERC account 567, Rents (Hydraulic Power Generation) and FERC account 540, Rents (transmission system).

D. Estimate of Amounts

PGE estimates the amount subject to the deferral would be approximately \$1.2 million on an annual basis.


E. Notice

A copy of the notice of application for deferred accounting treatment and a list of persons served with the notice are attached to the Application as Attachment A.

II. Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, PGE requests permission to defer expenses associated with an increase in FERC land fees as described herein from the date of this Application.

DATED this 30th day of March 2009.



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Attachment A

Notice of Application for Deferred Accounting Of Expenses Associated with an Increase in FERC Land Fees

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OF OREGON
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In the Matter of the Application of Portland General Electric Company for an Order Approving the Deferral of Expenses Associated with an Increase in FERC Land Fees

Notice of Application for Deferred Accounting of Expenses Associated with an Increase in FERC Land Fees

On March 30, 2009, Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") filed an application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") for an Order authorizing deferral of expenses associated with an increase in FERC land fees.


Approval of PGE's Application will not authorize a change in PGE's rates, but will permit the Commission to consider allowing such deferred amounts in rates in a subsequent proceeding.

Persons who wish to obtain a copy of PGE's application should contact the following:

PGE-OPUC Filings
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Any person who wishes to submit written comments to the Commission on PGE's application must do so no later than April 29, 2009.

Dated: March 30, 2009

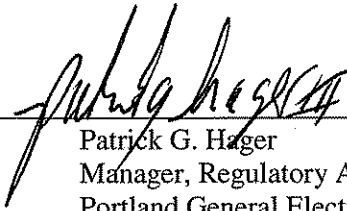


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day caused the foregoing **NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DEFERRED ACCOUNTING TREATMENT OF EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE IN FERC LAND FEES** to be served by Electronic Mail to those parties whose e-mail addresses appear on the attached service list, and by First Class US Mail, postage prepaid and properly addressed, upon those parties on the attached service list who have not waived paper service from OPUC Docket No. UE 197.

Dated at Portland, Oregon, this March 30 2009.



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Subject Company: PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC

See also: UE 198 08-23

In the Matter of PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY Request for a general rate revision. Filed by James J. Piro. Initial Utility Filing for electronic version.)

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Expiration: 12/31/2008

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